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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S TRIP: VISIT TO VICTORIA FALLS

REF: STATE 097501

1. AS REQUESTED REFTTEL, POST HAS PREPARED SUGGESTED SCHEDULE FOR SECRETARY'S VISIT TO VICTORIA FALLS AFTERNOON APRIL 27. AMBASSADOR HAS MEETING WITH ACTING CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AT 1400 GMT APRIL 22 TO GO OVER ENTIRE SCHEDULE FOR VISIT, INCLUDING FALLS PORTION. HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO MEET 1300 GMT DEADLINE WE ARE SUBMITTING THIS PROPOSED SCHEDULE PRIOR TO REVIEWING IT WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY.

2. PROPOSED SCHEDULE:

2:30 PM GREET EMBASSY STAFF.

2:45 PM DEPART FOR AIRPORT

3:15 PM DEPART LUSAKA FOR LIVINGSTON ABOARD ZAMBIA AIRWAYS 737 SPECIAL FLIGHT. FOREIGN MINISTER BANDA AND SEVERAL OF HIS FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIERS WOULD ACCOMPANY. (LIST FOLLOWS OF GRZ OFFICIALS IN PARTY; CAN WASHINGTON DESIGNATE WHO IN SECRETARY'S PARTY WILL ACCOMPANY.) AIRCRAFT IS CONFIGURED FOR 12 FIRST CLASS AND 87

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ECONOMY CLASS PASSENGERS FOR A TOTAL OF 99.

FLIGHT TIME TO LIVINGSTON - 35 MINUTES.

3:50 PM ARRIVE LIVINGSTONE. WILL BE MET BY PROVINCIAL
CABINET MINISTER FOR SOUTHERN PROVINCE S.K.
TEMBO.
MOTORCADE TO VICTORIA FALLS BRIDGE-13 MINUTES.

4:05 PM VIEW VICTORIA FALLS FROM BRIDGE - 10 MINUTES.
THIS IS RAILWAY BRIDGE ACROSS ZAMBEZI RIVER CON-
NECTING RHODESIA WITH ZAMBIA BELOW FALLS.
SECRETARY AND PARTY WOULD DISMOUNT FROM VEHICLES
AND PROCEED ON FOOT FEW YARDS OUT ON TO ZAMBIAN
SIDE OF BRIDGE IN ORDER TO OBTAIN VIEW OF FALLS
THROUGH ZAMBEZI GORGE, RELATIVELY UNOBSTRUCTED
BY MIST. PRESS AND PHOTO OPPORTUNITY.

4:15 PM RETURN TO MOTORCADE.
MOTORCADE TO VICTORIA FALLS PARKING AREA NEAR
HOTEL MUSI O TUNYA - 2 MINUTES.

4:17 PM VISIT WOOD CARVERS MARKET. OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE
NATIVE HANDICRAFTS.
ZAMBIAN CULTURAL DANCING COULD BE VIEWED HERE.

4:40 PM AT THIS POINT THERE ARE SEVERAL OPTIONS:
A. SECRETARY COULD PROCEED ON FOOT (ABOUT 50
YARDS) TO HOTEL MUSI O TUNYA FOR LIGHT REFRESH-
MENTS. THERE WOULD BE OPPORTUNITIES HERE FOR (1)
PRESS OR (2) PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH FONMIN
BANDA. TIME - APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES.
B. BOAT TRIP ON ZAMBEZI RIVER ABOVE VICTORIA
FALLS ABOARD ZAMBIA NATIONAL TOURIST BOARD LAUNCH
MAKUMBI. VIEW HIPPOPOTAMUS, CROCODILE. THIS
TRIP HIGHLY RECOMMENDED BY FONMIN BANDA WHO WILL
LIKELY URGE SECRETARY TO ACCEPT. TIME: APPROX
30 MINUTES. LIGHT REFRESHMENTS SERVED ABOARD
LAUNCH. PRESS OPPORTUNITY.
C. VISIT TO MARAMBA CULTURAL VILLAGE TO VIEW
CULTURAL DANCING (IN LIEU OF VIEWING DANCERS AT
FALLS PARKING AREA). TIME: APPROX 15 MINUTES.

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D. RETURN TO LIVINGSTONE FOR VISIT TO LIVINGSTONE
MUSEUM. MUSEUM HAS SMALL BUT WELL DISPLAYED
EXHIBITS ON ZAMBIAN WILDLIFE, PRE-HISTORY, HISTOR-
ICAL AND CULTURAL ARTIFACTS, AND TOPOGRAPHICAL
MODEL OF FALLS AREA. TIME: APPROX 15 MINUTES.

NOTE: POST RECOMMENDS PRIORITY BE GIVEN TO MUSEUM VISIT AND TO
ZAMBEZI RIVER BOAT TRIP RATHER THAN TO MARAMBA CULTURAL VILLAGE

STOP.

5:30 PM RETURN TO LIVINGSTONE AIRPORT.

5:40 PM DEPART LIVINGSTONE BY ZAMBIAN AIRWAYS 737
SPECIAL FLIGHT.

6:15 PM ARRIVE LUSAKA. SECRETARY AND FONMIN BANDA PROCEED
TO VIP LOUNGE IN TERMINAL TO SAY FAREWELL.
PRESS OPPORTUNITY.
TRANSFER TO SECRETARY'S AIRCRAFT.

6:30 PM DEPART LUSAKA.

3. IT SHOULD BE STRESSED THAT POSSIBILITIES FOR ACTIVITIES AT
VICTORIA FALLS ARE LIMITED TO THOSE DESCRIBED ABOVE PLUS OPTION
OF BRIEF VISIT TO SMALL GAME PARK. ROADS IN PARK ARE PARTIALLY
PAVED FOR A SHORT DISTANCE ONLY. WE DO NOT RECOMMEND ATTEMPTING
TO DRIVE OVER UNPAVED TRACKS IN PARK AT THIS TIME OF YEAR
FOLLOWING RAINS. SECRETARY COULD IF HE WISHED HOLD VERY BRIEF
PRESS CONFERENCE WITH MEMBERS OF HIS TRAVELING PRESS PARTY AS IS
CUSTOMARY FOR VISITING VIP'S TO LIVINGSTONE. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY
(BUT ONE WHICH WOULD REQUIRE SOME CONSIDERATION AND ADVANCE
PLANNING) WOULD BE TO ARRANGE FOR SECRETARY TO HOLD HIS MEETING
WITH RHODESIAN ANC LEADER JOSHUA NKOMO IN LIVINGSTONE AT HOTEL
MUSI O TUNYA. PRIVATE ROOM COULD BE ARRANGED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

4. PLEASE ADVISE WHICH IF ANY OF PARA 2 OPTIONS SECRETARY WOULD
PREFER.

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